## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2013-382-E - ORDER NO. 2013-776

## NOVEMBER 8, 2013

IN RE: Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas
Company for an Accounting Order
Regarding Interest Rate Swap Contracts

ORDER GRANTING
PETITION FOR
ACCOUNTING ORDER
REGARDING INTEREST
RATE SWAP
CONTRACTS

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-1540, this matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or "Company") for an Accounting Order Regarding Interest Rate Swap Contracts. Specifically, SCE&G seeks authority to (1) utilize any gains from the settlement of existing interest rate derivative instruments for the benefit of its customers through offsetting fuel costs or offsetting interest expense; (2) defer any gains or losses from future interest rate derivative contracts as regulatory liabilities or assets; and (3) utilize any gains from the settlement of future interest rate derivative instruments for the benefit of its customers through offsetting fuel costs or offsetting interest expense. The Company states these derivative financial instruments will allow SCE&G to hedge its exposure to interest rate volatility and effectively "lock in" current market interest rates in advance of planned debt issuances.

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed this matter and has no objection. We approve SCE&G's Petition. SCE&G shall inform the Commission and

ORS of all interest rate swaps, once realized, in which SCE&G employs this regulatory

accounting treatment and how any gains or losses were applied. Further, we note that

this Order will not prejudice the right of any party to address these issues in a subsequent

general rate proceeding.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the

Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Nikiva Han. Vice Chairman

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